

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 30, 2024

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

Ministers' Statements

- 39-20(1) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the Indigenous Recruitment and Retention Framework and Indigenous Employment Plans.
- 40-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding the opening of the Łiwegq̄ati Building.

Members' Statements

- 213-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding amendments to waters regulations.
- 214-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding World No-Tobacco Day.

- 215-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the Gwich'in Wellness Camp.
- 216-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Yellowknife Pride celebrations.
- 217-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding *Public Lands Act* regulations.
- 218-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding the Dempster Highway.
- 219-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh made a statement regarding access to quality education in Łutsek'e.
- 220-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding a constituent's medical travel issues.
- 221-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the importance of Dene laws in consensus government.
- 222-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the 19th Annual NorthWords NWT Writers Festival.
- 223-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement about supporting client wellness.
- 224-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Lisa Kraus.

Written Questions

- 6-20(1) The Member for Range Lake asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding agency nurses.

Replies to the Budget Address

- 3-20(1) The Member for Dehcho delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 4-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake delivered a reply to the Budget Address.

Tabling of Documents

- 104-20(1) Report on Departmental Indigenous Employment Plans Results 2022/2023. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

- 105-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 59-20(1): Retention Strategies for Healthcare Professionals. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 106-20(1) *Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act*, Statutes of Alberta, 2017, Chapter A-5.5, Current as of October 30, 2018. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 107-20(1) NWT Legislative Assembly Pension Plans Annual Report at March 31, 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 108-20(1) Pension Administration Report – The Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act and Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, at March 31, 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 28-20(1) Consideration for Elders and Seniors in Debt Elimination. Notice given by the Member for Monfwi.
- 29-20(1) Municipal Block Land Transfer. Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.
- 30-20(1) Maintaining Northwest Territories' Housing Stock . Notice given by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

Motions

- 27-20(1) Reappointment of Human Rights Commission Members

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that the Legislative Assembly recommend the reappointment of the following individuals to the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission: Ms. Marion Berls of the Town of Fort Smith, for a term of four years; and Mr. Charles Dent of the City of Yellowknife, for a term of four years; AND FURTHER, that the Speaker be authorized to communicate the effective date of these appointments to the Commissioner.

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 93-20(1): 2024-2025 Main Estimates and reported progress with three motions carried.

Committee Motion 6-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the activity Legal Aid Services in the Main Estimates for the Department of Justice at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 7-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Main Estimates for the Department of Justice at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 8-20(1)

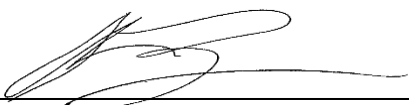
The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the activity Administrative and Support Services in the Main Estimates for the Department of Health and Social Services at this time.


The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife North, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 9:15 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly